(c) whether money has been released to any State Electricity Regulatory Commission under this incentive scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of funds released?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) to (d) As per the provisions of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1998, the responsibility of constitution and funding of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) vests with the State Government. The SERCs are constituted by the State Governments in terms of Section 17 of the ERC Act. As regards the budget of the State Commission, the ERC Act provides that the State Commissions shall prepare, in such form and at such time in each financial year as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the State commission and forward the same to the State Government.

Union Government has no plan for extending financial assistance to State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) nor of evaluating their performance.

Financial assistance to some SERCs has been provided by the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) in the form of grant to promote Reforms in the States.

Pensionary benefits to CISF personnel

*230. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of CISF personnel posted at PTPP, Parichcha, Jhansi (UP) are not getting pensionary benefits since 1990 even after completion of more than 20 years service due to some minor mistakes;

(b) if so, the category-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Director-General of CISF have received any representations from the Member of Parliament in the February, May, 2001 and January, 2002 in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) There is no case of any CISF person belonging to CISF unit, PTPP Parichcha, Jhansi (UP) who is not getting pensionery benefits since 1990, after retirement on completion of more than 20 years of service. Director General, CISF received as many as 4 references from a Member of Parliament between February 2001 to April 2002 regarding grant of pension to an ex-cook of the unit. On examination it was found that the said employee was removed from service on disciplinary grounds and as such he was not eligible for pension under the extant rules of the Government. However, all other admissible dues, *viz.* GPF, Risk Fund, CGEGIS were released to him. The Member of Parliament who made the references was duly apprised of this.

Massacre at Kokrajhar District of Assam

*231. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent massacre of 22 persons in Kokrajhar district of Assam on Indo-Bhutan border;

(b) if so, the details of action Government propose to take for avoiding such massacre in future;

(c) whether Chief Minister of Assam requested for additional paramilitary forces to be deployed in Assam for tackling the law and order situation; and

(d) if so, the details indicating the number of para-military forces deployed in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken various steps to avoid such incidents in future which *inter alia* includes coordinated action against militants' by security forces, deployment of additional Central Para-Military Forces in Assam, modernization/upgradation of State Police Forces, etc.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Assam had asked for deployment of additional security forces in Assam.The deployment of